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### OPEN BURNING ALERT FOR TERREBONE AND LAFOURCHE PARISHES

BATON ROUGE – Today the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality issued Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes variances to burn debris related to Hurricane Katrina.

Where possible, the debris will be burned in a curtain destructor which will minimize smoke and particulate matters. Because of the large amount of debris, some open burning will occur. Plans are in place for FEMA, DEQ and the Environmental Protection Agency to monitor the air around these sites. DEQ enforcement staff will inspect the burn sites to verify the material burning is hurricane-related debris.

DEQ is currently working with parishes to locate areas and issue variances that will allow the parishes to burn the debris.